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1. The acknowledged poverty of the Bulgarian subsoil, together with the lack of adequate industrial equipment, has not in the past permitted the production of petroleum or research for it. The precious combustible and its derivatives have always been imported by Bulgaria, but not in great quantities because of the small requirements of the country.
2. Since the occupation by the Soviet Union, the Soviets have been carefully exploring the subsoil for petroleum resources with the intention of exploiting Bulgaria's resources to the maximum. Soviet geologists, on the assumption that the Ploesti oilfields of Rumania branch out into the Dobrudzha and along the coast of the Black Sea, have turned their attention on this region and along all of the littoral. For this purpose, the Soviets have brought in directors, technical personnel and specialized master workmen, as well as material for sounding by means of boring, with one gigantic drill of the "DU" type.
3. Drilling has allegedly been done in the following areas:
 - a. Shabla (N 43-32, E 28-32) and Rokachevo in the area north of Cape Kaliakra (N 43-21, E 27-28);
 - b. Galata village (N 43-10, E 27-59), four or five kilometers south of the city of Varna, on the south side of the Gulf of Varna;
 - c. Valley of the Kamchiya River, 15 or 20 kilometers south of the city of Varna;
 - d. Valley of the Aytoska River, which empties into the Gulf of Burgas, and precisely in the area of Búlgarovo (N 42-37, E 27-19); and
 - e. Rezovo (N 42-00, E 27-59).
4. The results of these explorations are not known. The authorities and Soviet directors surround this research with the most jealous secrecy, not hesitating

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to remove entire villages in the immediate area of the prospecting areas to make sure that positive results of the explorations will not be made known. These explorations have allegedly brought the following results:

a. Shabla zone:

- A boring allegedly brought in a gusher of petroleum mixed with salt water.

b. Bulgarovo zone:

- Three pumps are allegedly in operation.
- Approximately 250 persons are allegedly employed.
- An oil pipeline is allegedly under construction from the area of the wells to the Bulgarovo railroad station, which is mid-way between Burgas and Aytos.

c. Rezovo zones:

- Two pumps, one of which is in operation, have allegedly been installed.
- Approximately 200 workers are allegedly employed.

d. The entire production:

- Allegedly had not yet reached appreciable quantities as of the middle of 1953.
- Is allegedly sent to Rumania for the distilling process.
- Is allegedly completely absorbed by the Soviet Union.

5. A sketch showing Bulgarian petroleum areas is enclosed as an Appendix, pages 3 and 4.

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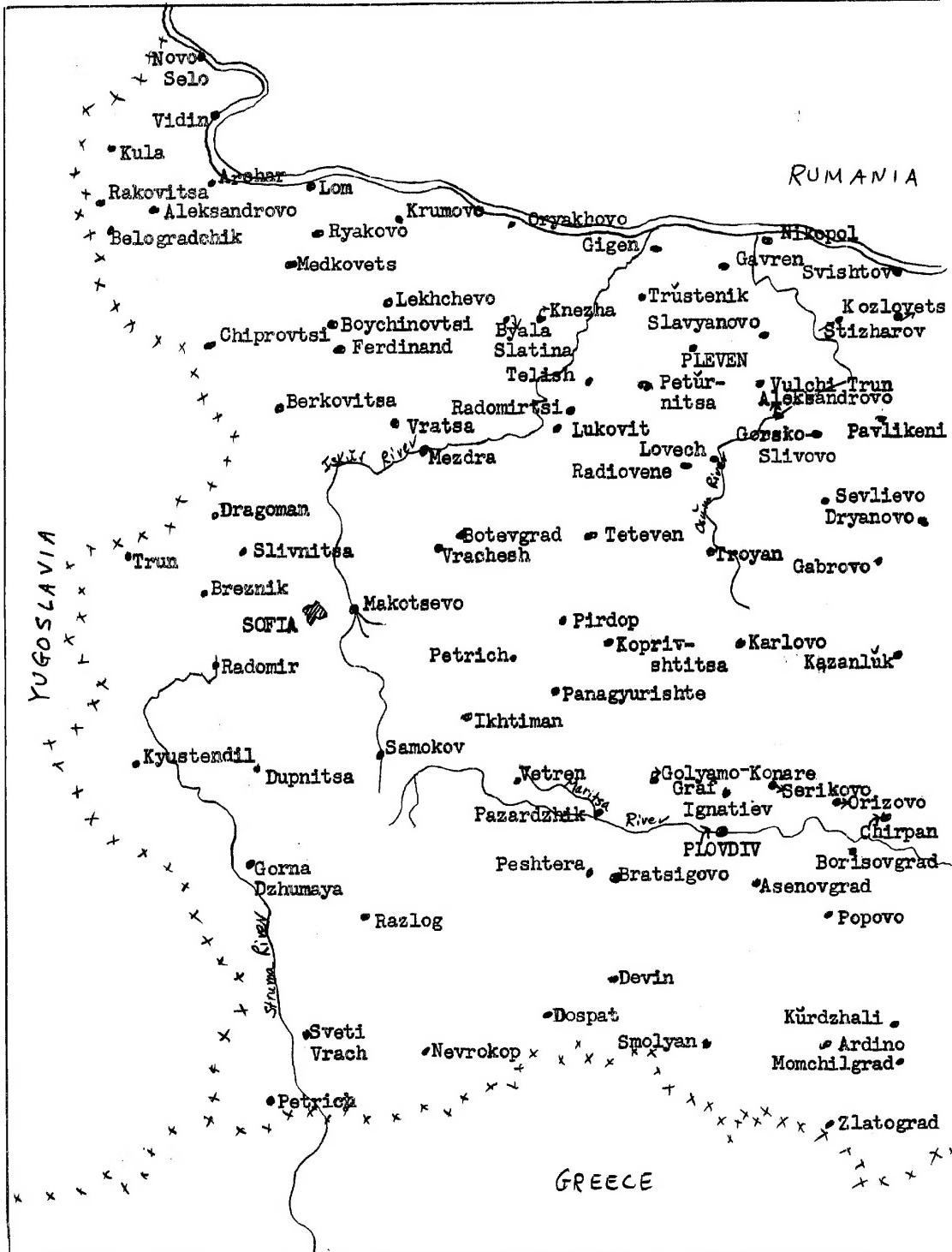
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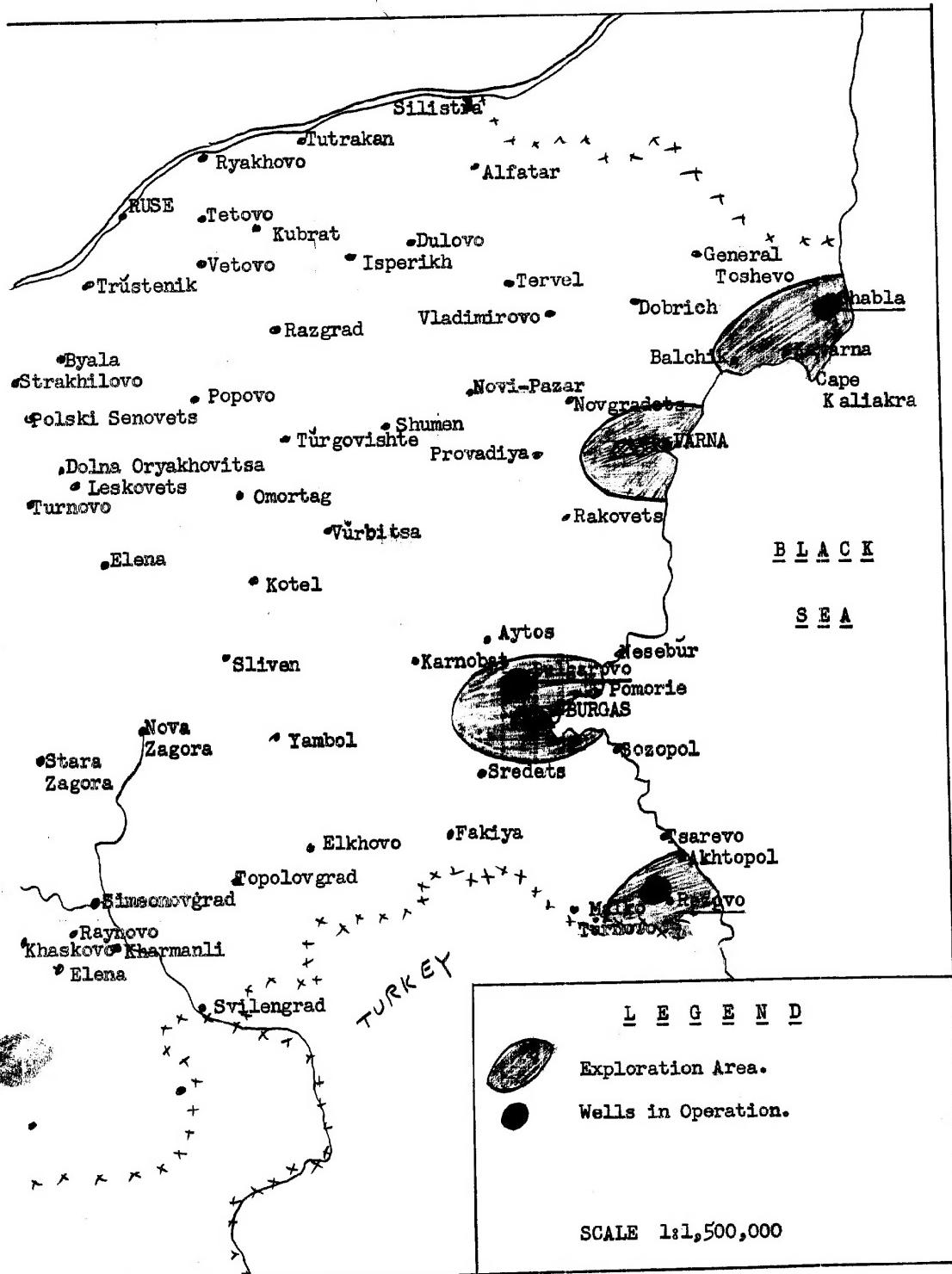
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